

LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Region 2

Statistical Data Report for March 2009

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*March 2009 Labor Force Estimates
(not seasonally adjusted)
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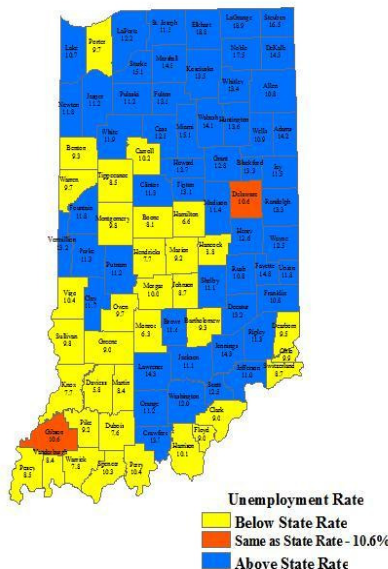
Economic Growth Region (EGR) 2 includes: St. Joseph, Elkhart, Marshall, Fulton, and Kosciusko Counties.



Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate Mar. 2009	Rate Feb. 2009	Rate Mar. 2008
U. S.	153,728,000	139,833,000	13,895,000	8.5	8.1	5.1
Indiana	3,199,779	2,860,525	339,254	10.0	9.4	5.3
So Bend-Mish MSA	159,003	140,688	18,315	11.5	10.9	6.0
Elkhart-Gosh MSA	98,674	80,168	18,506	18.8	18.0	5.8
EGR 2	306,378	262,152	44,226	14.4	13.9	5.8
St Joseph County	132,626	117,333	15,293	11.5	11.0	5.8
Elkhart County	98,674	80,168	18,506	18.8	18.0	5.8
Marshall County	23,233	19,801	3,432	14.8	14.3	6.1
Fulton County	10,199	8,820	1,379	13.5	12.7	6.4
Kosciusko County	41,646	36,030	5,616	13.5	13.5	5.5
South Bend City	47,582	41,649	5,933	12.5	12.0	6.6
Elkhart City	25,308	20,067	5,241	20.7	19.7	7.2
Mishawaka City	27,054	23,555	3,499	12.9	12.3	6.1
Goshen City	15,491	12,617	2,874	18.6	18.1	5.4

REGIONAL AND STATE UNEMPLOYMENT (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

County Unemployment Rates
March 2009 - Non Seasonally Adjusted



Regional and state unemployment rates were nearly all higher in March. Forty-six states recorded over-the-month unemployment rate increases, North Dakota and the District of Columbia registered rate decreases, and 3 states had no change in their rate, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. Over the year, jobless rates were up in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The national unemployment rate rose from 8.1 percent in February to 8.5 percent in March, which was 3.4 percentage points higher than in March 2008. In March 2009, nonfarm payroll employment decreased in 48 states and the District of Columbia and rose in 2 states. The largest over the month employment decrease occurred in California (-62,100), followed by Florida (-51,900), Texas (-47,100), North Carolina (-41,300), Illinois (-39,600), and Ohio (-37,500). The 2 states to show an over-the-month increase in employment were Mississippi and North Dakota.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING (HIGH TO LOW)

March 2009	COUNTY
39	St. Joseph
2	Elkhart
8	Marshall
17	Fulton
18	Kosciusko

INDIANA and SURROUNDING STATES UNEMPLOYMENT March 2009 (Not seasonally adjusted)

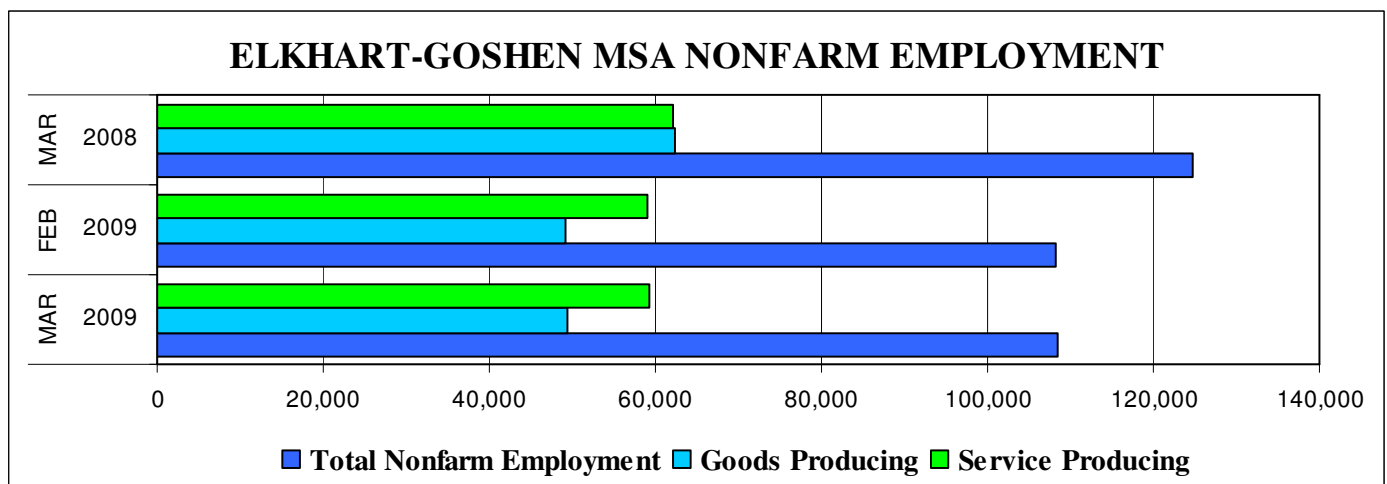
Illinois	9.1
Indiana	10.0
Kentucky	9.8
Michigan	12.6
Ohio	9.7

Elkhart-Goshen MSA

WAGE AND SALARIED EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRY	MAR 2009	FEB 2009	MAR 2008	CHANGE FEB 2009 TO MAR 2009		FROM MAR 2008 TO MAR 2009	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	108,500	108,300	124,600	200	0.2%	-16,100	-12.9%
Total Private Employment	99,100	98,900	115,200	200	0.2%	-16,100	-14.0%
GOODS PRODUCING	49,300	49,200	62,400	100	0.2%	-13,100	-21.0%
---Mining, Logging, Construction	3,400	3,400	3,700	0	0.0%	-300	-8.1%
---Manufacturing	45,900	45,800	58,700	100	0.2%	-12,800	-21.8%
Durable Goods	37,900	38,700	50,000	-800	-2.1%	-12,100	-24.2%
Transportation Equipmt	21,800	22,200	30,100	-400	-1.8%	-8,300	-27.6%
Motr Veh Body/Trailers	16,700	17,300	24,100	-600	-3.5%	-7,400	-30.7%
Furniture and Related	3,000	3,000	3,700	0	0.0%	-700	-18.9%
SERVICE PROVIDING	59,200	59,100	62,200	100	0.2%	-3,000	-4.8%
Private Service Providing	49,800	49,700	52,800	100	0.2%	-3,000	-5.7%
---Trade, Transp, & Utilities	17,400	17,400	18,400	0	0.0%	-1,000	-5.4%
Wholesale Trade	5,600	5,600	6,500	0	0.0%	-900	-13.9%
Retail Trade	9,400	9,400	9,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Transp/Warehousing/Utils	2,400	2,400	2,500	0	0.0%	-100	-4.0%
---Information	700	700	800	0	0.0%	-100	-12.5%
---Financial Activities	3,200	3,200	3,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---Professional & Business	7,100	7,100	8,000	0	0.0%	-900	-11.3%
---Educational & Health	11,400	11,400	11,500	0	0.0%	-100	-0.9%
---Leisure & Hospitality	6,400	6,300	7,000	100	1.6%	-600	-8.6%
Food Svcs/Drinkg Plcs	6,100	5,900	6,100	200	3.4%	0	0.0%
---Other Services	3,600	3,600	3,900	0	0.0%	-300	-7.7%
Government	9,400	9,400	9,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---Federal Government	300	300	300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---State Government	300	300	300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---Local Government	8,800	8,800	8,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Education	6,200	6,200	6,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

-- EMPLOYMENT DATA ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST HUNDRED AND THUS MAY NOT ADD TO THE TOTAL SHOWN
 -- MSA - METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (ELKHART-GOSHEN MSA = ELKHART COUNTY)



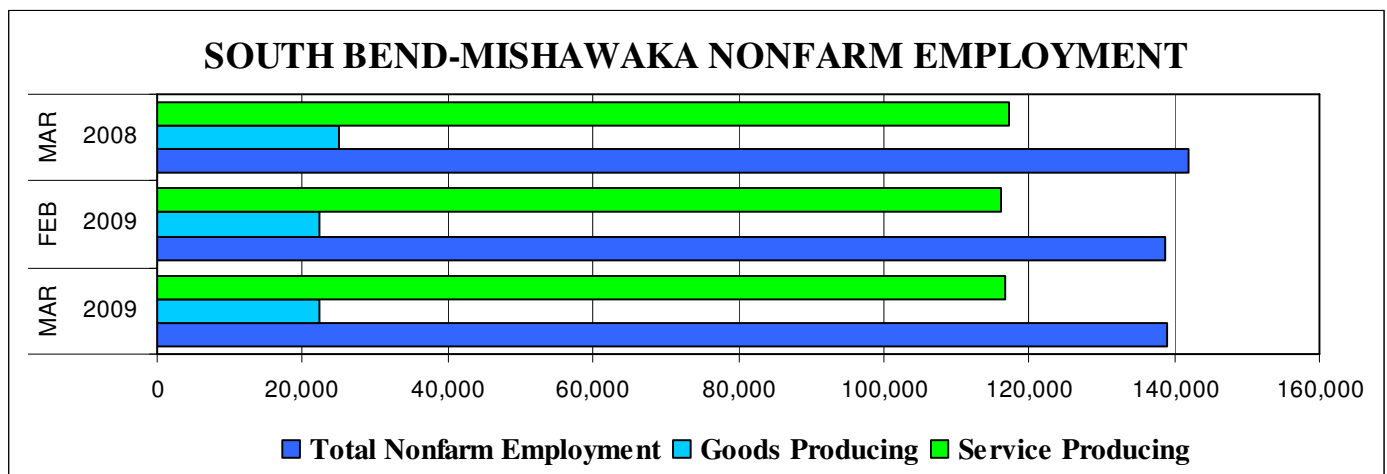
South Bend-Mishawaka MSA

WAGE AND SALARIED EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRY	MAR 2009	FEB 2009	MAR 2008	CHANGE FEB 2009 TO MAR 2009		FROM MAR 2008 TO MAR 2009	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	138,900	138,700	142,100	200	0.1%	-3,200	-2.3%
Total Private Employment	121,100	121,100	125,100	0	0.0%	-4,000	-3.2%
GOODS PRODUCING	22,200	22,400	24,900	-200	-0.9%	-2,700	-10.8%
---Mining, Logging, Construction	5,100	5,100	5,800	0	0.0%	-700	-12.1%
---Manufacturing	17,100	17,300	19,100	-200	-1.2%	-2,000	-10.5%
Transportation Equipmt	4,400	4,400	5,300	0	0.0%	-900	-17.0%
SERVICE PROVIDING	116,700	116,300	117,200	400	0.3%	-500	-0.4%
Private Service Providing	98,900	98,700	100,200	200	0.2%	-1,300	-1.3%
---Trade, Transp. & Utilities	27,000	27,000	27,800	0	0.0%	-800	-2.9%
Wholesale Trade	7,200	7,200	7,600	0	0.0%	-400	-5.3%
Retail Trade	15,600	15,600	15,700	0	0.0%	-100	-0.6%
Gen Merch Stores	3,600	3,500	3,700	100	2.9%	-100	-2.7%
Transp/Warehousing/Utils	4,200	4,200	4,500	0	0.0%	-300	-6.7%
---Information	2,000	2,000	2,100	0	0.0%	-100	-4.8%
---Financial Activities	6,600	6,700	6,800	-100	-1.5%	-200	-2.9%
---Professional & Business	12,700	12,500	13,200	200	1.6%	-500	-3.8%
---Educational & Health	33,100	33,200	32,600	-100	-0.3%	500	1.5%
Hospitals	6,100	6,100	6,300	0	0.0%	-200	-3.2%
---Leisure & Hospitality	12,100	11,900	12,200	200	1.7%	-100	-0.8%
Food Svcs/Drinkg Plcs	10,000	9,800	10,000	200	2.0%	0	0.0%
---Other Services	5,400	5,400	5,500	0	0.0%	-100	-1.8%
Government	17,800	17,600	17,000	200	1.1%	800	4.7%
---Federal Government	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---State Government	2,400	2,400	2,500	0	0.0%	-100	-4.0%
State Govt Educ Svcs	1,800	1,800	1,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---Local Government	14,200	14,000	13,300	200	1.4%	900	6.8%
Local Govt Educ Svcs	8,900	8,800	8,100	100	1.1%	800	9.9%

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* MSA - METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (SOUTH BEND-MISHAWAKA MSA = ST. JOSEPH COUNTY, IN, & CASS COUNTY, MI)



TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS BY REGION

WEEK ENDING >	3/7/2009	3/14/2009	3/21/2009	3/28/2009
EGR 2	26,795	26,342	25,555	25,459
INDIANA	183,056	180,746	173,519	171,699

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research & Analysis,
UI Statistics

Monthly Claims by Industry Region 2 March 2009

Industry	Percent of Total
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunting	0.1%
Mining	0.1%
Utilities	0.0%
Construction	9.4%
Manufacturing	56.7%
Wholesale Trade	5.0%
Retail Trade	4.5%
Transportation, Warehousing	2.1%
Information	0.5%
Finance, Insurance	0.9%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	0.6%
Professional, Technical	1.3%
Management of Companies, Enterprises	0.2%
Administrative, Waste Services	6.1%
Educational Services	0.6%
Health Care, Social Assistance	2.0%
Arts, Entertainment, Recreation	0.5%
Accommodations, Food Services	2.3%
Other Services except Public Adm.	2.0%
Public Administration	0.4%
Unclassified	0.5%
Region 2 Total	100%

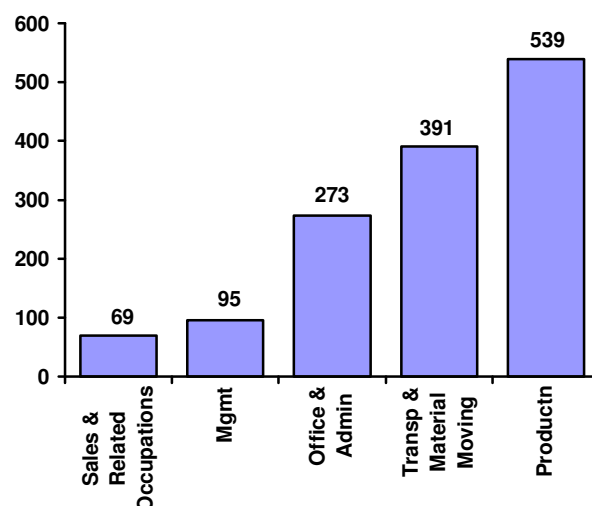
WARN NOTICES for Region 2 - March 09

Company	City	County	Affected Workers
Dexter Axle	Elkhart	Elkhart	119
Manoco Coach	Wakarusa	Elkhart	515

Source: Hoosiers by the Numbers, WARN Notices
Indiana Workforce Development

Applicant Pool

Top Five Occupational Groups selected by
Active Applicants in Past Twelve Months



Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana
Career Connect



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(CPI-U Change)

Unadjusted Percent Change to March 2009 from:

	Feb. 2009	Mar. 2008
U.S. City Average		
All Items	0.2	-0.4
Food & Beverages	-0.2	4.3
Housing	0.1	1.4
Apparel	3.1	1.4
Transportation	0.1	-13.1
Medical Care	0.2	2.8
Recreation	0.1	1.7
Education & Communication	0.0	3.6
Other Goods & Services	2.8	5.7
Midwest Region (All Items)*	0.3	-0.1

*Midwest Region = Midwest Urban Average. Expenditure categories are not available on a regional basis. Midwest Region includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

HIGH WAGE HIGH DEMAND OCCUPATIONS From area WorkOne job listings past 12 months

Occupation

1. Truck Drivers, Heavy and Tractor-Trailer
2. Insurance Sales Agents
3. Sales Representatives, Services, All Other
4. Computer-Controlled Machine Tool Operators, Metal and Plastic
5. Machinists
6. Customer Service Representatives
7. Social and Human Service Assistants
8. Executive Secretaries and Administrative Assistants
9. Grinding, Lapping, Polishing, and Buffing Machine Tool Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic
10. Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
11. Truck Drivers, Light or Delivery Services
12. Tellers
13. Production Laborers
14. Production Workers, All Other
15. Office Clerks, General
16. Retail Salespersons
17. Nursing Aides, Orderlies, and Attendants

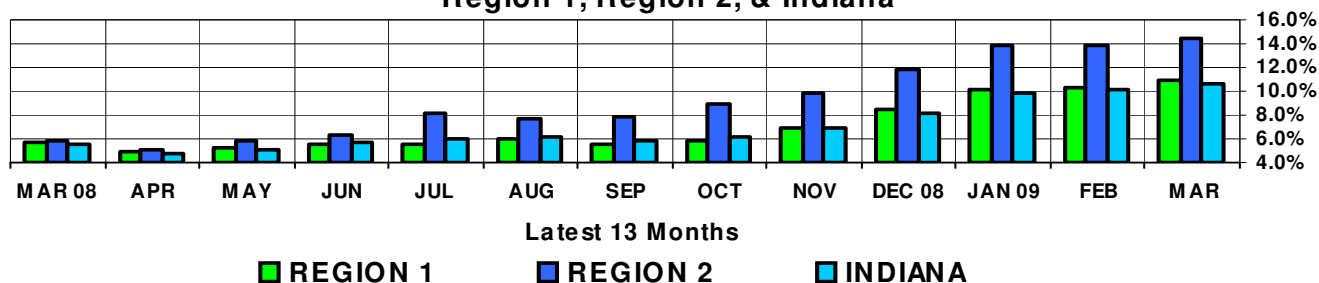
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES IN 2008

1. Of the 3.2 million youth who graduated from high school from October 2007 to October 2008, 2.2 million (68.6 percent) were attending college in October 2008. College enrollment rates were 71.5 percent for young women and 65.9 percent for young men.
2. The labor force participation rate (the proportion of people with a job or looking for work) was higher for young women enrolled in college (46.1 percent) than for their male counterparts (36.0 percent).
3. Among recent high school graduates enrolled in college in October 2008, 93.2 percent were full-time students. The labor force participation rate was 38.5 percent for full-time students and 75.9 percent for part-time students.
4. About 6 in 10 recent high school graduates who were enrolled in college attended 4-year institutions. Of these students, 31.0 percent were in the labor force, while 55.9 percent of recent graduates enrolled in 2-year colleges were in the labor force.
5. Recent high school graduates not enrolled in college in the fall of 2008 were more likely than the enrolled to be in the labor force (76.4 versus 41.1 percent). The unemployment rate for high school graduates not enrolled in college was 26.7 percent, compared with 14.9 percent for graduates enrolled in college (2 or 4 year institutions.)

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

UNADJUSTED REGIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

Region 1, Region 2, & Indiana



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Lake, Porter, LaPorte, St. Joseph, Elkhart, Newton, Jasper, Starke, Pulaski, Marshall, Fulton, and Kosciusko Counties.

Summer jobs in the Young Hoosiers Conservation Corps

Hoosiers between the ages of 16 and 24 may be eligible to participate in a spring 2009 program known as Young Hoosiers Conservation Corps. This program will partner with the Department of Natural Resources to beautify Indiana's 33 state parks and reservoirs. Find out more and apply online at:

www.in.gov/yhcc

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